

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE 2012 VOTE OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY ELECTORATE SUPPORTING THE PETS' TRUST INITIATIVES FOR FUNDING ANIMAL SHELTERS, SPAY-NEUTER PROGRAMS AND OTHER ANIMAL WELFARE PROGRAMS; URGING THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION TO ACT UPON SUCH VOTE IN THE CURRENT BUDGET SESSION BY ESTABLISHING FUNDING FOR AND IMPLEMENTING PETS' TRUST INITIATIVES; AND ENCOURAGING OTHER MIAMI-DADE COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES TO EXPRESS THEIR SUPPORT FOR PETS' TRUST INITIATIVES.

WHEREAS, on November 6th 2012, a significant turnout and majority of Miami-Dade County voters approved the ballot question presented by The Pets' Trust, proposing taxpayer-funded initiatives for more humane treatment of stray animals and spay-neuter programs to reduce the killing of animals throughout Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, Pets' Trust is concerned with decent treatment of animals and animal welfare by promoting adoptions; by decreasing overpopulation through free and low-cost income qualified spay/neuter surgeries; by providing income qualified low-cost veterinary care; by providing educational programs; by championing improved shelter care and assistance to rescue groups; by supporting the local Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA); and by promoting animal fostering programs; and

WHEREAS, with funding logistical and policy support from the Village Council and administration, Key Biscayne veterinary medical professionals and volunteers have developed and operate in and for Key Biscayne a successful spay-neuter and animal adoption program; and

WHEREAS, although in 2012 Miami-Dade County voters supported the Pets' Trust initiatives and a modest tax-funding mechanism to finance animal welfare programs, the Miami-Dade County Commission has not budgeted for or implemented the animal welfare initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council of the Village of Key Biscayne, joining other Miami-Dade County municipalities, commends the Pets' Trust initiative and humane treatment policies underlying it.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

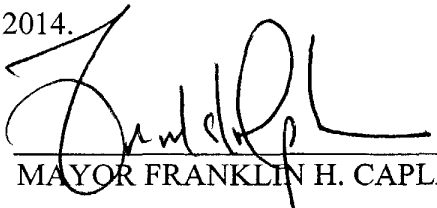
Section 1. The recitals stated above are adopted by reference and confirmed.

Section 2. The Village of Key Biscayne recognizes the electorate support for the Pets' Trust initiatives and urges the Mayor of Miami-Dade County and the Board of County Commissioners to develop a funding source for and to implement such initiatives.

Section 3. The Village of Key Biscayne encourages other Miami-Dade County municipalities to join in supporting the Pets' Trust initiative by communicating such support to the Miami-Dade County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners.

Section 4. The Village Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to representatives of the Pets' Trust, to other South Florida municipalities and to the Miami-Dade League of Cities.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of May, 2014.


MAYOR FRANKLIN H. CAPLAN

ATTEST:

Conchita H. Alvarez

CONCHITA H. ALVAREZ, MMC, VILLAGE CLERK



APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

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